

REMARKS

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Examiner Pirella in this case on March 31, 2005, Applicant is submitting this third amendment under Rule 312 in order to clarify and/or correct a number of clerical errors in the previous Rule 312 amendments that may result in misprinting of the claims in this case.

In accordance with the telephone conversation of March 31, 2005, in order to assure that the claims are printed properly in the patent Applicant understands that the Examiner will NOT enter either of the first and second amendments under Rule 312, but instead will only partially enter this third amendment under Rule 312. Specifically, this amendment will be entered as to claims 11, 23, 25, and 26 only so as to avoid the possibility of any other inadvertent clerical errors that may appear in the claim listing above from being printed on the patent.

By way of explanation, the Examiner noted that the listing of claims contained in Applicant's first 312 amendment did not accurately reflect some of the previous amendments to the claims. Particularly, claim 11 had previously been amended to depend from claim 25 and claim 23 had previously been amended to depend from claim 26, but the first 312 amendment showed those claims as depending from different claims. In addition, the Examiner never received Applicants' second 312 amendment. It was also agreed that the issues that Applicant was trying to address in the first 312 amendment in connection with clerical errors made in the listing of claims in the

Examiner's amendment with respect to claims 1,4, and 5 were likely to lead to errors in printing the claims and that it was best to simply allow those claims to be printed as shown in the Examiner's amendment without further complicating the matter via the first 312 amendment.

Accordingly, the changes being made in this amendment are (1) correctly listing claim 11 as depending from claim 25 (this is not a current amendment since this change was previously entered), (2) amending a typographical error in claim 11, in which the bar between G-1 and G-1 was missing, (3) correctly listing claim 23 as depending from claim 26 (this is not a current amendment since this change was previously entered), (4) amending a typographical error in claim 23, in which the bar between G-1 and G-1 was missing, (5) amending claim 25 to reverse the left-hand and right-hand sides of the equal sign in the second equation in that claim, and (6) amending claim 26 to reverse the left-hand and right-hand sides of the equal sign in the second equation in that claim.

Of course, from a strictly mathematical point, the last two amendments do not constitute a change at all in any technical sense since the amended equations are mathematically equivalent to the equations that they replace. However, as a matter of convention, the value that is being newly defined is expected to appear on the left-hand side of the equal sign, as it now does in the amended claims 25 and 26.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this amendment as to claims 11, 23, 25, and 26 only as agreed at the earliest possible date so that this

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application can proceed to issuance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone call in order to further the prosecution of this case in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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